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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF OREGON

EUGENE DIVISION

UKRVAKTSINA, a Ukrainian state-owned enterprise,

Plaintiff,

v.

OLDEN GROUP, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company; and **INTERFARM, LLC**, a Ukrainian company,

Defendants.

Case No.10-CV-06297-AA

REPLY IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO REQUIRE PROOF OF DECLARANT OLEG YAROSCHUK'S EXISTENCE AND IDENTITY

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In its response to Plaintiff Ukrvaktsina's Motion to Require Proof of Declarant Oleg

Yaroschuk's Existence and Identity ("Motion"), Defendant Olden Group, LLC fails to provide

any meaningful assurances that Yaroschuk is who he purports to be. Accordingly, the Court

should grant Plaintiff's motion and require Yaroschuk to submit evidence sufficient to confirm

his identity and existence.

As Plaintiff explained in its Motion, Olden Group submitted two declarations (Dkt. Nos.

16 and 31) signed by an individual who purports to be named "Oleg Yaroschuk" and to serve as

Olden Group's director. However, Plaintiff has reason to believe that Yaroschuk may be

fictitious or may be an individual using a false name or other assumed identity. Plaintiff's

Motion and the accompanying declaration of Zoë Newman set forth the bases on which Plaintiff

has cause to question Yaroschuk's identity and existence. In short, Plaintiff's exhaustive factual

investigation has revealed no affirmative evidence of an individual named Oleg Yaroschuk who

is connected to Olden Group.

Olden Group's lawyer's assertions that he has communicated with "Yaroschuk" by video

conference and email do not answer the questions raised by Plaintiff's investigation and present

motion. Based on Olden Group's response, its counsel knows only that he has communicated

with an individual who claims to be named Oleg Yaroschuk. Plaintiff's concern is that the name

Oleg Yaroschuk may have been borrowed or created by the beneficial owners of Olden Group to

conceal their true identities. Despite the issues raised by Plaintiff, Olden Group's counsel

apparently has not verified – and perhaps cannot verify – that "Yaroschuk" is an existing,

properly identified natural person.

Plaintiff asks Yaroschuk to provide only straightforward personal information: his

address, telephone number, date and place of birth, citizenship, Social Security number or other

comparable identification number issued by his country of residence, a copy of his passport, and

any other identifying information that the Court sees fit. Contrary to Olden Group's suggestion,

Plaintiff's request does not circumvent the civil discovery rules. This preliminary and limited

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Yaroschuk and thereby put his identity at issue, but Plaintiff has reasons, already described to the Court, to question Yaroschuk's actual identity. The Court should not decide the pending motions, in reliance in part on these declarations, without sufficient assurances that Yaroschuk exists, is the person who he purports to be, and is competent to testify. If Yaroschuk and Olden Group have nothing to hide, there is no reason why they cannot supply this information to confirm Yaroschuk's identity.¹

In sum, Yaroschuk's sworn testimony is the primary evidence in support of Olden Group's motion to set aside default and its opposition to Plaintiff's motion for default judgment. Plaintiff's investigation has called into question Yaroschuk's existence and the authenticity of his declarations. The Court should assuage all doubts regarding this supposed individual and his testimony before granting any motion in Olden Group's favor on the basis of Yaroschuk's submissions to the Court. It is well within the Court's inherent authority, as guided by the Federal Rules of Evidence, to do so.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above and in Ukrvaktsina's Motion, Ukrvaktsina respectfully requests that the Court issue an order requiring (a) Oleg Yaroschuk to submit a declaration providing his address, telephone number, date and place of birth, citizenship, Social Security number or other comparable identification number issued by his country of residence, and any other identifying information that the Court deems necessary to convince the Court and the Plaintiff of Mr. Yaroschuk's identity and existence, (b) Yaroschuk to file a copy of his passport

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¹ Although Plaintiff maintains that Olden Group should simply be required to file the requested information for the Court's and Plaintiff's benefit, the Court should at the very least conduct an *in camera* review of this information and its own investigation.

with the Court, and (c) counsel for Olden Group to certify the identity of the individual whose sworn declarations they have proffered to the Court.

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